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In re Application of: Dany Sylvain

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Serial No. 10/626,677

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For: INTEGRATED WIRELINE AND WIRELESS SERVICE USING A COMMON

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Sir:

## **DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 OF BENJAMIN S. WITHROW**

- 1. My name is Benjamin S. Withrow of the law firm of Withrow & Terranova, PLLC, and I am a registered U.S. patent attorney, Registration No. 40,876.
- 2. Starting in 2000, and continuing until the present time, I have been retained as outside counsel for Nortel Networks, Ltd. ("Nortel"), the assignee of the present application.
- 3. On or about May 1, 2003, I received instructions from Nortel to prepare and file a patent application for an Invention Disclosure entitled "Wireless Roaming for Wireline Users", which is attached to this Declaration as Appendix A (hereinafter "Invention Disclosure"). This Invention Disclosure was assigned attorney docket number 7000-268.
- 4. The Invention Disclosure was submitted by the inventor, Dany Sylvain, on April 14, 2003.
- 5. Starting on or about May 1, 2003 and continuing through June 2, 2003, I diligently reviewed the Invention Disclosure, met with the inventor Dany Sylvain, and diligently worked to prepare a patent application (hereinafter "Patent Application") claiming the invention disclosed in the Invention Disclosure.

- 6. On May 21, 2003, a provisional application was filed at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and was assigned Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/472,291.
- 7. On June 2, 2003, my assistant, Jennifer Alkove, sent a first draft of the Patent Application (hereinafter "First Draft") to the inventor, as evidenced by the e-mail attached to this Declaration as Appendix B.
- 8. On June 16, 2003, I received very minor comments from the inventor regarding the First Draft, as evidenced by the excerpt from a spreadsheet attached to this declaration as Appendix C.
- 9. On June 20, 2003, I revised the Patent Application to incorporate the comments from the inventor for the First Draft, and sent a revised Patent Application to in-house counsel at Nortel, as evidenced by the spreadsheet attached to this declaration as Appendix C.
- 10. On June 20, 2003, my assistant, Jennifer Alkove, sent a copy of the revised Patent Application and the inventor declaration and assignment document to the inventor to be signed, as evidenced by the spreadsheet attached to this declaration as Appendix C.
- 11. On July 2, 2003, I received a signed inventor declaration and assignment document from the inventor, as evidenced by the spreadsheet attached to this declaration as Appendix C.
- 12. On July 24, 2003, I received approval from in-house counsel at Nortel to file the Patent Application substantially as drafted in the Patent Application sent to in-house counsel on June 20, 2003, as evidenced by the spreadsheet attached to this declaration as Appendix C.
- 13. On July 24, 2003, the Patent Application was filed at the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office and was assigned Application Serial Number 10/626,677.
- 14. I hereby declare that all declarations made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are

punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Benjamin S. Withrow

June 6, 2006 Date

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